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MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STORE STOCKS
 (Based on retail dollar amounts)

OCTOBER 1957

Department store stocks were unchanged in October after allowance for the usual seasonal change. The seasonally adjusted index is estimated at 143 per cent of the 1947-49 average, the fifth consecutive month at this level and one per cent higher than a year ago.

Federal Reserve District	Index numbers (Average end-of-month stocks 1947-49=100)						Percentage change Oct. 1957 from	
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted			Month ago	Year ago
	1957		1956	1957		1956		
	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.		
Boston	126	128	131	143	132	148	+ 8	- 3
New York	133	r133	r130	149	141	145	+ 6	+ 3
Philadelphia	139	r143	135	160	r150	156	+ 7	+ 3
Cleveland	129	129	129	144	135	144	+ 6	0
Richmond	166	173	175	184	179	r194	+ 3	- 5
Atlanta	176	170	174	192	177	190	+ 8	+ 1
Chicago	136	135	134	155	141	153	+10	+ 1
St. Louis	138	134	137	154	145	153	+ 7	+ 1
Minneapolis	140	134	139	151	140	151	+ 8	0
Kansas City	p145	140	150	p157	146	162	+ 8	- 3
Dallas	p168	166	r165	p185	176	r182	+ 5	+ 2
San Francisco	p151	153	r146	p172	159	r166	+ 8	+ 3
United States	p143	143	142	p160	150	159	+ 7	+ 1

p--Preliminary.

r--Revised.

Note:--Indexes are based on value of stocks at end of month. For description and monthly indexes for the period January 1919 to October 1951 see Federal Reserve Bulletin for December 1951, pp. 1463-1515. Indexes for the most recent thirteen-month period are shown regularly in the Bulletin. Percentage changes are based on unadjusted indexes.